(e) In case the address, telephone number, details of sponsor etc. are known, action is initiated to make enquiries directly. Otherwise, a request is made to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the United Arab Emirates for their assistance. The same procedure is followed in case of women workers.

Meeting with Muslim Leaders hosted by American Embassy

1707. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the American Embassy recently hosted a meeting in Delhi with prominent Muslim Leaders;

(b) whether Government's formal permission was sought for the meeting;

(c) whether any Government's representative was invited in the meeting; and

(d) whether Government are in possession of its deliberations and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) Permission is not required for such meetings under the international conventions governing diplomatic practices.

(c) and (d) No.

Foreign diplomats' visit to J and K during Assembly Election

1708. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether diplomats based in New Delhi from various countries visited Jammu and Kashmir to witness the Assembly election in militancy torn States;

(b) if so, the number of diplomats with names of the countries who visited there;

(c) whether they have given any reports/impressions on polling/ elections in the State; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?